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October 5, 2011

Terry Catlin  
Commission  
Chair

Mr. Mark Cowin  
Director  
California Department of Water Resources  
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Celeste Cantú  
General  
Manager

RE: Re-evaluation of Proposition 1E Funds

Dear Mr. Cowin:

Eastern  
Municipal  
Water  
District

As General Manager of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, I would like to request your consideration to re-evaluate the disbursement of the first round of SWFM grant funding under the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1E). **Proposition 1E funds should be distributed at two-thirds of the requested amount for all projects.**

Inland  
Empire  
Utilities  
Agency

DWR's IRWM Grant Program is designed to encourage integrated regional management of water resources, including flood management, and provide funding for projects that support integrated water management planning and implementation. The DWR "Funding Recommendations" map/list on your website reflects that nine (9) of the 41 grant applications are for projects in the Inland Empire. The initial DWR staff draft recommendations would not allow for any of the benefits to be provided to any of these important projects. By using a different percentage, such as **two-thirds of the requested amount for all projects**, it would increase the number of project applications that could be funded throughout the State, provide geographic equity, and most importantly, promote much needed jobs throughout our region as well as statewide, and would leverage significant investment statewide.

Orange  
County  
Water  
District

San  
Bernardino  
Valley  
Municipal  
Water  
District

DWR staff can exercise great leadership by re-evaluating the distribution of funding under this round to include more projects within the entire state. Thank you for your consideration.

Western  
Municipal  
Water District

Sincerely,

Celeste Cantú  
General Manager

CC:pb  
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